

House File 2419 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 688)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning weight limits for vehicles carrying grain,
2 fertilizer, agricultural lime, or agricultural chemicals on
3 noninterstate highways.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code
2 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a
4 ~~livestock or construction vehicle~~, or a vehicle carrying
5 livestock, grain as defined in section 203.1, fertilizer as
6 defined in section 200.3, agricultural lime, or agricultural
7 chemicals on noninterstate highways is as follows:

8 NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
9 MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT TABLE
10 ~~LIVESTOCK OR CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE~~ OR VEHICLE
11 CARRYING LIVESTOCK, GRAIN, FERTILIZER, AGRICULTURAL LIME,
12 OR AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

13 Distance			
14 in feet	6 Axles	7 Axles	
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16 44	80,500	80,500	
17 45	81,000	81,500	
18 46	81,500	82,500	
19 47	82,000	83,500	
20 48	83,000	84,000	
21 49	83,500	85,000	
22 50	84,000	86,000	
23 51	84,500	87,000	
24 52	85,000	88,000	
25 53	86,000	88,500	
26 54	86,500	89,500	
27 55	87,000	90,500	
28 56	87,500	91,500	
29 57	88,000	92,000	
30 58	89,000	93,000	
31 59	89,500	94,000	
32 60	90,000	95,000	
33 61		95,500	
34 62		96,000	

35 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the

1 contrary, the maximum gross weight allowed to be carried
2 on a noninterstate highway by a ~~livestock~~ vehicle carrying
3 livestock, grain as defined in section 203.1, fertilizer as
4 defined in section 200.3, agricultural lime, or agricultural
5 chemicals with five axles, a minimum distance in feet between
6 the centers of the first and fifth axles of sixty-one feet, and
7 a minimum distance between the two rear axles of at least eight
8 feet and one inch is eighty-six thousand pounds.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill provides weight limitations for vehicles carrying
11 grain, fertilizer, agricultural lime, or agricultural chemicals
12 that currently apply to livestock and construction vehicles.
13 The new weight limitations apply to vehicles with six or seven
14 axles traveling on noninterstate highways.

15 In addition, current law allows a livestock vehicle with
16 five axles, a minimum distance of 61 feet between the centers
17 of the first and fifth axles, and a minimum distance of eight
18 feet, one inch between the two rear axles to carry a maximum
19 gross weight of 86,000 pounds. The bill extends the weight
20 allowance to similar vehicles carrying grain, fertilizer,
21 agricultural lime, or agricultural chemicals.

22 For purposes of the bill, "grain" means any grain for which
23 the United States department of agriculture has established
24 standards, including soybeans.